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TOPIC <u>Military Activities in the Area of the Third Gds Mecz Army</u>		
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1. On 17 and 20 April 1955, the kaserne in Drachhausen (3304) was occupied to capacity by 800 to 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. Tanks and SP guns were seen in the tank sheds. Some 60 motor vehicles were stored in the new vehicle sheds in the southeast section of the installation. They included some 20 special trucks, each carrying 1 pontoon. A motorboat and 2 heavy tractors were also seen.¹
 2. On 20 April, Camps Lieberose (3302) and Schoenhoehe (3305) appeared to be vacant.²
 3. Midnight on 20 April, a train carrying 6 T-34/85 tanks and including 1 boxcar came from the direction of Seddin and proceeded toward Frankfurt/Oder.³
 4. Between 5 and 17 April, the following shipments from the direction of Dessau passed through the Wittenberg railroad station en route toward Falkenberg:
 - 5 April. At about 1630, a shipment with 14 tanks, presumably JS-3 tanks, and 2 converted boxcars.⁴
 - 13 April. At about noon, a shipment of 6 tanks, presumably JS tanks, 13 trucks, 3 field kitchens and 26 boxcarloads of troops.
 - 16 April. At 1700, a shipment of 6 heavy tanks, 13 trucks, 3 field kitchens and 6 boxcars.
 - 17 April. At 1000, a shipment of 6 tanks, presumably JS tanks, 13 trucks, 2 field kitchens and 4 boxcars.
- On 11 April, 3 trains passed through the Wittenberg railroad station in the opposite direction.⁵

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5. Units from the Beseler Kaserne (3584), the Flak Kaserne (3583) and the Arado installation (3582) in Wittenberg daily went to the training area near Euper for tank training. The training involved T-34 tanks, JS-3 tanks and JSU-249 runs.

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Motor vehicles were seen in the Beseler Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne.⁸

6. On 28 March, 11 boxcars, 30 flatcars with sideracks, 1 SSy-type flatcar, 7 RRY-type flatcars and 1 boxcar with troops were dispatched from Cottbus to Neuzelle north of Guben.⁹

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1. Comment. Branch of service insignia, as well as weapons and equipment, confirm that the installation, in addition to the 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Mecz Div, is occupied by the 82d Engr Bn of the 9th Mecz Div which was previously believed to be stationed in Cottbus. Observations on 8 December 1954 gave the first indication of a planned transfer of the Engr Bn.

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2. Comment. These camps are used only as summer camps.

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3. Comment. This is presumably the Transfer of tanks from the 10th Gds Tank Div to the 7th Gds Mecz Div).

4. Comment. This was presumably one of the five trains from Dessau to Jueterbog. See also Comment 5.

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5. Comment. Tank units of the 7th Gds Tank Div, which transferred from Dessau to the Jueterbog training grounds on 5 trains on 5 April, presumably returned to their installation.

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6. Comment. Additional tank firing details of the 7th Gds Tank Div presumably transferred from Dessau to the Jueterbog training grounds.

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7. Comment. According to the installations, tanks of the three medium and the one heavy tank regiment (Beseler Kaserne and Flak Kaserne) and tanks of the U/1 Tank Tng Bn from the Arado installation were involved.

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8. Comment. These motor vehicle believed to belong to the 6th Gds Tank Div.

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9. Comment. the 70th Mecz Regt of the 9th Mecz Div, which had been carried in the Neue Kaserne (3643) in Wuensdorf, is actually stationed in Cottbus. The Neue Kaserne in Wuensdorf is presumably occupied by the 69th Mecz Regt of the 9th Mecz Div. An additional 5 troop trains, including 1 from Luebben and 4 from Cottbus, went to the Neuzelle-Grunow area on 28 March.

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The movements indicate that the 9th Mecz Div conducted an exercise in the Lieberose-Grunow area in late March.

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